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I have been a nuclear engineering professional for the last 35 years and I consider myself to be a very strong supporter of environmental safety. I have also published a textbook on Reliability and Risk Analysis Methods and Nuclear Power Applications (Academic, 1981) that has sold 3800 copies and is still in print, so I am familiar with risk analysis methods and risk/benefit tradeoffs.

For the Yucca mountain site, there is no question in my mind that the benefits of proceeding ahead far exceed the miniscule risks at that location. Furthermore, the health and safety risks from not operating the Yucca mountain site are greater than operating it because of the alternative, which is the continued long term storage of spent fuel at nuclear power stations located at many locations around the country.

I believe the Yucca mountain site has been thoroughly researched. The Department of Energy should fulfill its obligation and proceed with the waste storage program.

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